Fire Safety Code Board
Of Appeal and Review
Hearing Minutes for February 2, 2010

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu, Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Dias, Filippi, Pearson, Walker, Jasparro, Preiss, Blackburn and Richard. Commissioner Jackson was absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Deputy Director Carol Marsella. The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #070424, 070425: Mr. Stephen Dube, for the property located at 128 Mount Pleasant View Avenue in Cumberland. (Buildings A and B) ADSFM Claude LaFlamme appeared for the Cumberland Hill Fire District Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook, to grant a variance to allow a single smoke detector in each stairway. The Board also granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty days to prepare a plan of action for the installation/upgrade of the fire alarm systems in these facilities. The Board granted the Applicant an additional 120 days to complete the installation of the fire alarm systems and grants the Cumberland Hill Fire Marshal the authority to extend the time variance for good faith efforts being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070518: Mr. Thomas Lazieh, for the property located at 551-555 Dexter Street, Central Falls. BC John Garvey appeared for the Central Falls Fire Marshal's office. Chairman Coutu recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to approve the Applicant's plan of action for alternative compliance for the single means of egress from the basement of this facility. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #090396: West Warwick Housing Authority, for the property located at 1021 Main Street in West Warwick. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals Pimental and Peiczarek appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook, to approve the Applicant's plan of action for this facility and allows him not to provide a standpipe system in the center exit stairway. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070401: Sacred Heart Day Care Center, for the property located at 101 Taunton Avenue in East Providence. DSFM Paul Manning appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Pearson and Filippi, to grant the following relief. The Applicant is granted a time variance of ninety (90) days in which to provide the State Fire Marshal's office with plans for the installation of a sprinkler system in

this facility, and until the end of the year 2010 in which to install the approved system. The State Fire Marshal's office is granted the authority to extend the above deadlines for good faith efforts being made by the Applicant. The Applicant is granted a variance, based upon structural hardship, to allow him to maintain the cited fire door without fire exit hardware, provided the key lock is disabled. The Applicant is granted a variance, based upon structural hardship, to allow him to maintain the current dimensions of the cited stairwell and its winders. The Applicant will correct items 11 and 13 at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's office. The Applicant is granted a variance in order to allow him to maintain the cited cooking equipment provided that it is used solely for the reheating and warming of food, and that there will be no grease laden vapors produced. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070256: Ocean State Montessori School, for the property located at 100 Grove Avenue in East Providence. DSFM Paul Manning appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days in which to present plans to the State Fire Marshal's office for the correction of all outstanding deficiencies in this facility, and an additional 120 days in which to complete the corrections. The State Fire Marshal's office is granted the authority to extend the above timelines for good faith efforts being shown by the Applicant. This file is to remain open until the facility is brought into compliance.

APPEAL #100003: Mr. Douglas Michaud, for the property located at 22-24 Doyle Avenue, Providence. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals Lisa Krapf and Christopher Dillon appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. This case is continued until March 16, 2010.

APPEAL #100017: Mr. Daniel Hulsebosch, for the property located at 369 Prairie Avenue in Providence. ADSFM Christopher Dillon appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to approve the Applicant's plan of action for this facility. This file shall remain open until the project is completed. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Marsella